who could command l abour cheaply and at the same time execute the work with more convenience to the Department.

Canal from the Backwater to the Nadamel Market.

168. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have received petitions from the people of Trippunittura praying for a canal from the backwaters on the western side of Trippunittura to the Nadamel market to facilitate the transport of articles from Cochin, Alleppey, Changanacheri, Alwaye and other places;

(b) whether a deputation led by the then M. L. C. Mr. Thomas Manjuran waited upon the Diwan on 8th Meenam 1106 to make the same request ;

(c) what, if any, were the steps taken by the Government regarding the same;

(d) whether the Government is aware that this request had been brought to the notice of the Government as long ago as 1101 M. E. by the then M. L. C. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The question was investigated by the P. W. D. and when the cost of opening the canal was found to be prohibitive, Government dropped the question temporarily.

(d) Yes.

Meenakshipuram Police Station Building.

169. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Police Station at Meenakshipuram has a compound wall ;

(b) whether the Parayas living adjacent to the Police Station are living in sufficiently sanitary dwellings;

(c) whether the Police Station suffers any inconvenience on account of the bones and other stuff of dead bodies being carried into the Police Station compound on account of its bad fencing;

(d) whether there is sufficient room for the constables of the Station to reside there;

(e) how much amount will be required to provide accommodation for the constables employed there and also for erecting a compound wall;

(f) is that place malarial ?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) There is no compound wall.

(b) No.

(c) Sometimes bones are found in the Police Station compound.

(d) The accommodation provided for the men cannot be said to be quite adequate.

(e) About Rs. 3,000.

(f) Yes.

Teaching of History and Geography in the Vernacular.

170. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number and names of schools where History and Geography are taught in the vernacular languages in the Upper Secondary Department;

(b) whether such schools follow any text books; and if so, whether they are in English or Vernacular?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Seven.

1. P. G. H. S., Trippunittura
2. G. H. S., Cranganur
3. V. G. S., Trichur
4. G. H. S., Irinjalakkuda
5. H. S., Mulanthuruthy
6. H. S., Mangayil
7. H. S., Cranganur

(b) Yes; English. As the pupils have been given the option to answer the questions in History and Geography in the vernacular, the teachers in explaining the subjects make free use of the vernacular language. They have for their reference books written in Malayalam in these subjects.

Encouragement to the Ayurveda system of treatment.

171. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's communication to the Government, R. O. C. No. 324/1102, dated 21st December 1926, referred to in the answer to question No. 296 of the Legislative Session of 1107 (Vide Appendix XXIV);

(b) subsequent to the reply given to the Memorialists referred to in answer to (c) to the above question, what further

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